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REVISED--THIRD EXTENSION

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To: Health Department Directors, Supervisors, Environmentalists, and KOWA personnel,

Re: Installer certification option due to COVID-19 disruption--**Revised Extension Date**

Current Septic System Installer certification ends March 31 each year. During the certification year April 1 through March 31, installers are required to obtain six (6) continuing educational units (CEUs) to remain current/active. Many Health Departments (HDs) are taking precautions and practicing social distancing by canceling installer classes. This cancelation could affect some installers, who need continuing educational units (CEUs) to remain under active status.

Our office has opted to provide several options for Certified Installers to assist with the regulatory certification deadline of March 31. Note: These options do not apply for installers that are expired or not in good standing.

- 1) HDs/KOWA can reschedule classes at their discretion, and provide our office with new dates
- 2) Certified Installers can obtain all required CEUs through Orenco's website <https://www.orengo.com/training/webinars> utilizing the no-cost recorded webinar options. When utilizing this option, installers register for each course, then submit a completion certificate to our office. There are over twenty-five free (25) recorded webinar options available for viewing.
- 3) Installers will be provided with an extension of the 2019-2020 certification year until ~~April 30, 2020, June 30, 2020,~~ **September 30, 2020** to accommodate all involved.

Our office does not anticipate offering an additional extension due to numerous offerings available to obtain CEUs and the ample 6 month extension from the March 30 deadline. Any installer that fails to obtain the required 6 CEUs after this third extension will be expired in the database, and as a result, can not obtain a permit at their local health department. Expired installers can not retake the test. They will have to contact our office for options.

We understand everyone enjoys the in-person interaction, but the recorded webinars offer an excellent option and serve as meeting the Governor's social distancing practice to protect the public health.

Stay healthy and if you have questions, contact our office.

Respectfully,

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